

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for establishing a call from a first device to a second device, comprising:

receiving, at a first switch, a call placed by a user from the first device, the first switch directing the call to a voice portal;

at the voice portal, receiving from the first device speech information voiced by the user;

deriving first information regarding the second device, using the speech information;

receiving from the first device second information for associating the user with a third device;

dropping the call to the voice portal and transferring the establishing a new call to a first-second switch associated with the third device, based on the second information;

forwarding the new call from the first-second switch to a second-third switch using the first information, the second-third switch being associated with the second device; and

completing the new call from the second-third switch to the second device.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

sending a prompt to the first device such that the first device provides the user with audible instructions.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein deriving first information comprises:

deriving contact information regarding a contact stored in a user's address book from the speech information; and
retrieving the first information from the address book using the contact information.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein deriving first information comprises:

deriving a command to search an address book for a contact from the speech information;
receiving search criteria from the user;
retrieving contact information from the address book using the search criteria;
sending to the first device the retrieved contact information;
receiving from the first device selection information specifying at least one contact; and
deriving the first information using the selection information.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein receiving search criteria comprises receiving speech information from the user.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving a call placed by a user of the first device comprises:

~~receiving the call at a third switch;~~

transferring signaling information regarding the call from the ~~third~~first switch to a first processor;

transferring information regarding the call from the first processor to a second processor;

transferring the call from the ~~third~~first switch to the second processor, wherein the second processor receives from the first device the information regarding the second and third devices;

redirecting by the ~~third~~first switch the call from the second set of processors to the ~~first~~second switch in response to an instruction from the first set of processors.

7. (Currently Amended) A system for establishing a call from a first device to a second device via a communication network, comprising:

a first switch for receiving a call placed by a user from a first device; ~~a first set of one or more processors~~ and directing the call to a voice portal, the voice portal for receiving from the first device speech information voiced by the user, ~~for~~ and deriving first information regarding the second device using the speech information, and ~~for~~ receiving second information for associating the user with a third device;

a first set of one or more processors for causing the call to the voice portal to be dropped and establishing a new call to a second switch based on the second information, the second switch associated with the second ~~third~~ device, the second switch for receiving the new call and ~~completing forwarding the new call to the second device,~~ based on the first information; and

a third switch for receiving the new call from the first switch and ~~forwarding~~ completing the new call to the second switch using device based on the first information.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7, wherein the ~~first set of processors~~ voice portal sends a prompt to the first device to provide the user with audible instructions.

9. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, further comprising:

a storage device storing an address book for the user; and

a second set of one or more processors for accessing the address book;

wherein the first set of processors is capable of recognizing a contact stored in the user's address book from the speech information and sending a query to the second set of processors regarding the contact; and

wherein the second set of processors, in response to the query, is capable of retrieving from the address book first information.

10. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, further comprising:

a storage device storing an address book for the user; and

a second set of one or more processors for accessing the address book;

wherein the first set of processors is capable of deriving a command to search the address book for a contact from the speech information, receiving search criteria from the first device, and sending a query to the second set of processors regarding the search criteria, receiving, in response to the query, from the second set of processors contact information using the search criteria, sending to the first device the received contact information, receiving selection information from the first device specifying at least one contact, and deriving the first information using the selection information and the contact information; and

wherein the second set of processors, in response to the query, is capable of retrieving contact information from the address book regarding one or more contacts using the search criteria and sending the contact information to the first set of processors.

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the received search criteria from the first device comprises speech information from a user of the first device.
12. (Canceled)
13. (Currently Amended) A system for establishing a call from a first device to a second device, comprising:
- means for receiving, at a first switch, a call placed by a user from the first device, the first switch directing the call to a voice portal;
 - at the voice portal, means for receiving from the first device speech information voiced by the user;
 - means for deriving first information regarding the second device, using the speech information;
 - means for receiving from the first device second information for associating the user with a third device;
 - means for dropping the call to the voice portal and transferring the establishing a new call to a first-second switch associated with the third device, based on the second information;
 - means for forwarding the new call from the first-second switch to a ~~second-third~~ switch using the first information, the ~~second-third~~ switch being associated with the second device; and
 - means for completing the new call from the ~~second-third~~ switch to the second device.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, further comprising:
means for sending prompt information to the first device such that the first device provides the user with audible instructions.
15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, wherein the means for deriving first information comprises:
means for deriving from the speech information contact information regarding a contact stored in a user's address book; and
means for retrieving the first information from the address book using the contact information.
16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, wherein the means for receiving from the first device information regarding the second device comprises:
means for deriving from the speech information a command to search an address book for a contact;
means for receiving search criteria from the user;
means for retrieving contact information from the address book using the search criteria;
means for forwarding to the first device the information retrieved from the address book;
means for receiving from the first device selection information specifying at least one contact; and
means for deriving the first information using the selection information.
17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the received search criteria from the first device comprises speech information.

18. (Canceled)